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CHAPTER NEEDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Bay Chapter's newly-elected Executive Committee held its organization meeting on November 12, and unanimously elected Kenneth D. Adam as its Chairman for the coming year. Herbert Arner will be Vice-Chairman, and Helen Rudy will take over the Treasurer's office, which has been held for the past two years by Bob Tapscott. Vivian Schagen will continue as Secretary.

The greatest problem facing the new Committee as it begins its year in office is the selection of chairmen for various Chapter activities. Cicely Christy will continue in charge of the Educational Committee, with a co-chairman to be named later. Ken Adam will also carry on his work as Membership Committee chairman. But new heads are needed for Local Walks, Publications, Entertainment and Tuesday Dinners. There are a variety of reasons for the gaps in these committees--but the main thing is that they need filling! Chapter members who are willing to serve on any of these committees, or who know of good prospects for the jobs, are urged to contact Ken Adam or any member of the Executive Committee. (Just to remind you, the other eight are: Herb Arner, Bob Tapscott, Malcolm Smith, Helen Rudy, Vivian Schagen, Dorothy Hill, Cicely Christy and Bessie Lawrence.)

In every case, the former committee chairmen (and members) will be ready to work along with those who take over their activity, and to furnish all the information and guidance necessary. Those who have been on committees know that they are fun as well as work.

FIRST CHAPTER MEETING SINCE 1942

A warm autumnal day between a rainy Saturday and Monday helped to bring out the more than 50 members who attended the San Francisco Bay Chapter meeting at Lake Lagunitas on November 17. This was the first such gathering since 1942, when the last wartime Chapter meeting was held in Golden Gate Park.

Retiring Vice-Chairman Fred Wilke, after receiving reports from committee chairmen of the past year, turned the meeting over to our new Chairman, Ken Adam, who introduced the members of the Executive Committee who were present and outlined the Chapter's plans and problems for the coming year.

SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR NEW NATIONAL FOREST

California Region headquarters of the U.S. Forest Service announced today the selection of William F. Fischer, supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest at San Diego, as the first supervisor of the recently created national forest with headquarters at Eureka.

Supervisor Fischer entered the U.S. Forest Service in 1933 and has served in Plumas, Tahoe, Mono and Shasta National Forests, and in Cleveland Forest since 1942.

Hamilton K. Pyles, who will succeed Fischer as supervisor of the Cleveland Forest, has had broad experience in several national forests in California, including Stanislaus and Modoc forests.

The repeat program announced for December 4 in the East Bay of "Wild Life at Denali," has been postponed. Watch the Yodeler for an early showing next year.

Will all who wish to reserve tables at the Annual Dinner please notify Cicely Christy not later than December 2. As announced in an earlier issue, tables will seat 10 or 12.

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MANY THANKS to all those who by contributions and in other ways helped to get out this issue.

Next Deadline: Monday, December 2, 6:00

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PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS NOW ON EXHIBIT

The first exhibit of albums of photographs since 1942 opened at the Club rooms today and will continue for two weeks. Although fewer albums were sent in than in former years, the collection is well worth seeing and is practically guaranteed to make you live again your mountain days and long to get back to the High Sierra.

CEDRIC WRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS AT CLUB ROOMS

Once again we have the opportunity, which comes to us from time to time, of seeing and enjoying what Cedric Wright has brought down from the High Sierra. From the photographs now being shown at the Club rooms, we learn that Cedric was busy with his camera on the High Trip last summer, down in the meadows with the streams and gardens, up to the top of Whitney to spend the night, on the trails, off the trails, in camp, and around the campfire. Sometimes Cedric's camera is focused on stunning views of peaks, lakes, streams, and jagged skylines; sometimes it is focused on grasses, clouds, granite, raindrops, wood. As a result, we are again reminded of the High Sierra and what ie meant to be there. Cedric's photographs have revealed much in the mountains that we otherwise would not have seen and felt.

WILLIS LINN JEPSON

With the recent death of Willis Linn Jepson, emeritus professor of botany at the University of California, the Sierra Club loses an honorary vice-president and a charter member of the Club. He was also a counselor of the Save-the-Redwoods League.

Jepson was the author of many books on botany, including A Manual of the Flowering Plants of California, standard equipment on NSS trips, and to countless students of botany. Professor Jepson was not only a noted scientist, but he appreciated all aspects of the mountain scene. Those who were at the 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Sierra Club will remember with pleasure his witty talk on our mountain mules.

The Club has lost a valued and respected member.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor: Just a line to let you know that I obtained release from the Shipstad and Johnson Ice Follies after touring the states and Eastern Canada for almost a year and a half, and have joined a new show "Espectaculos en Hielo" which will tour South America for one year. We play all the main cities with a run from 3 to 6 weeks in each. Travel is done via air. We leave New York City December 7 and open up in Caracas, Venezuela on December 15.

Will miss all my fellow skiers and folk-dancers and the grand Clair Tappaan Lodge atmosphere. Shall I bring back a hunk of the Andes for the hikers and rock climbers?

Yours in the Sierra Club Spirit--

--Inge Lubahn

SWISS MATTERHORN CLIMBED AGAIN

The north wall of the 13,515-foot Matterhorn has been scaled again--for the fourth time in sixteen years. The ascent was accomplished in thirteen hours by two Swiss alpinists, Alfred Sutter and Bechtold Hediger, accompanied by two guides from Zermatt.

The first climb, made in 1930 by the German brothers, Franz and Toni Schmid, took two days.

ROCKCLIMBING NOTES

Upon reconvening this fall the Rock Climbing Committee unhappily found itself with two vacancies which will be hard to fill. Sam Sherrill has returned to Oregon State College to pursue Forestry and Oscar Cook has joined the research staff at Davis to finish out his Ph.D. in Chemistry. The Sherrills should afford an excellent stopover for Cascaders, but Oscar has not yet guaranteed free coffee and doughnuts for all comers on their way to Norden. Fritz Lippmann and Mildred Jentsch were appointed to fill the two vacancies.

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Finally a cut and dried policy has been established regarding the loan of RCS ropes. Because of the present cost of rope the committee unanimously favored lending ropes throughout the coming year. However, the rule is - one nylon and one reserve per person per year for private use, and that person must have passed the RCS Qualification Test and maintained standing by adequate attendance at local climbs. This arrangement permits about three climbs a year to the average party using section rope. If they can get out more than three times a year, it's time they buy their own rope. No hardware will be loaned. Agreements and arrangements regardin' ropes may be addressed to the Equipment Committee, Dick Houston (Chairman).

THANKS

Each Sunday during the war years, almost without fail, a member of the Rock Climbers could be found patiently molding a group of new enthusiasts into an interim RCS. With most of the climbers overseas these Sunday groups were usually all greenhorns except for the patient teacher. As the old guard gradually returned at the close of the war, that patient teacher ceased to be on hand each week-end. He had always had plenty of other things which required his doing, but apparently he had considered holding the section together his prime objective for four years. As one of the group of greenhorns that were used to hold the RCS together, I pass on a vote of thanks both to Ken Adam and to Patty who let him wander off each week-end.

George H. Denison

YODELERS HEAR - - -

---of the recent marriage of George Denison and Millicent Jones, in Saratoga. They are now on a month's honeymoon in Mexico.

---of the birth of a daughter, Karen Lillian, to Lillian (Ball) and Clinton Beebe. Karen Lillian was born on her brother Chris' second birthday, almost at the identical time.

---That Tom Rixon, down from Yosemite (where he is with the Park Service) until the middle of December, and Toro Bedayan are going on a trip to the southwest to see what they can see. (And look the climbing situation over?) We are pleased to hear also that in the latest Yosemite Nature Notes Tom has an article on the recent climb of the Lost Arrow. We feel that the interest shown in publishing an account of the climb is just a further indication of the cooperation that the Park has always given us.

---from Up Rope that the Conns, of "Jam Crack Joe" fame, are climbing in New Mexico and living in a delivery truck. They write: "...and so far it has been fun. The main advantage is that we don't have to pack up for week-end trips. We just drive off.

"Last week-end we did some climbing near the Shield on Sandia Peak where the Jacobs and Chuck Haworth climbed a year or so ago. We hope to get back again soon, and also to do some climbing on the sandstone mesas around Albuquerque."

---from Hugelnoos, that Leland Curtis has bought six and a half acres of land two miles west of Carson City, Nevada, and plans to build a studio and house when building materials are available. He has a trout stream, and perhaps skiing, and hopes Sierra Club friends will stay with him when they ski at nearby Mount Rose.

---That lots of rock climbers are increasing the colony on the slopes above Cragmont by buying lots above Cragmont. (Are you with us?) Among the landed gentry are Charlotte Mauk, the Leonards, Lewis Clark and the Browers.

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

The NSS has a very real interest in the Yodeler. One of the activities of the group is to take over certain of the Yodeler "stuffing" nights. This means assembling, clamping together, folding, stamping envelopes, as well as stuffing. Multiply each of these operations by up to 500 and sometimes 600 and there is a very active evening involved. The trip to the postoffice with the bundles all neatly tied means the Yodeler is on its way once more to spread "news and views" throughout the Sierra Club.

An item that probably will interest those of the NSS who wonder about plant diseases. Laura and Malcolm found quite a few madrone trees in the region of their land with wilted leaves and a generally "sick" appearance, also fungus on many small dead oaks they thought might be the dreaded oak root fungus as so many of the small oaks and some of the larger ones in the region were dead, mostly from being shaded out. However, as a shaded out tree is not healthy there is the liability of more opportunities of disease coming in to finish the job. Specimens were sent to the Pathology Department of the University of California and the following information was returned.

"The wilting of madrone trees is caused by a parasitic fungus Mycosphaerella arbuticola which attacks leaves and twigs and makes the trees look almost dead, although they usually recover. Dead twigs and branches should be pruned off and burned to improve appearance and reduce infective material. Some reduction in the disease may be effected by spraying with Bordeaux mixture during late April. The fungus on the oak twigs is Stereum hirsutum which lives on dead wood of various kinds and helps to transform it into humus so beneficial to plant growth."

This will no doubt be of especial interest to those who contemplate owning land in Marin.

Bureau of Mines

Collections of minerals, some from all over the world, some from California, labelled as to section in which they are found, were studied at the Bureau of Mines in the Ferry Bldg. on Saturday, November 9. The personnel were quite anxious to answer questions, and we had a very pleasant, educational, and informative afternoon.

AD-LIBBING

(Turned in by the library's apprentice bookworm, Al having had to catch a train). Now that my boss isn't looking I'd like to put in a plug for Al Weiler who has kept the library running, practically single-handed, for lo, these many years, and put in a plea for more assistance before he collapses from overwork.

The Sierra Club has an excellent collection of material covering almost every outdoor activity. It takes time and work to keep it usable, but it is interesting work. For example, every Tuesday night there are ten to twenty magazines to check in and shelve, miscellaneous pamphlets to file, returned books to put back, overdue notices to be sent (alas!), letters to answer, Yodeler and Mugelnoos files to bring up to date, and so on. Then there are new books which must be catalogued to make them readily available, the bibliography of ski mountaineering material to complete, and our pet project, the thorough indexing of the Bulletins, long term projects which demand a certain continuity of thought which they don't get in the ten minutes preceding the dash for the 9:30 train.

—Virginia Ward

What Goes on in a Museum

Our November 15 meeting took us behind the scenes of the Oakland Public Museum. Alice Mulford, curator, told us of the present activities and future plans for the Museum and answered our many questions on all phases of the work. After we had inspected the Museum from top to bottom, Alice gave an interesting demonstration, carding and spinning wool in the cozy Colonial Room, which is a replica of an old time kitchen.

Calendar

Nov. 24—Lake Lagunitas. 8:40 a.m. bus to Ross. Dick Johnson, leader. 7 miles. If you wish, bring something to cook on the fire at lunch time. Return by way of Fairfax. (Note: Eastbay members wishing to drive via San Rafael Ferry go to Fairfax, park, and take 9:15 or 9:30 bus back to Ross, where you will meet the others).

Dec. 8—Last trip of 1946! Golden Gate Park and environs. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Stanyan St entrance to Park. Hazel Walsh, leader. Have dinner afterward, if you'd like.

Next Slide Mounting Meetings: Nov. 26 and Dec. 11, Margaret Milwain, 731 Alma Ave., Oakland, AN 9430. The "Mounties" will have some new equipment made by Dick Johnson.

LOMA PRIETA PRATTLE

L.P. Scout reports
--that John Hoogland has enlisted in the Mountain Troops Division of the Army and recently left Camp Beale for basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C.
--that Bob Ramstad is a new resident of "Stanford Village" --attending Stanford as a geology major.
--that Dale Irons is a new employee of the Western Electric Division of the P.T.&T. Any influence in getting a phone installed, Dale?
--that announcements are not yet out for the L.P. Xmas party, but it will be in Saratoga on Friday, December 13th and new Entertainment Committee Chairman Elmo Robinson has his committee hard at work on super-duper plans. Hats off, by the way, to Outgoing Chairman Hildreth Kotsch for her swan son of a real fun-full evening at the Hallowe'en party.
--that Ray Burdette, new L.P. Prattle editor, would muchly appreciate news of local members. Send to 340 South 10th Street, San Jose.

November 24, Butano Forest Hike. Meet at 9:30 at Saratoga Summit Skyline Boulevard. Follow the leader to parking place. Mr. Werder, San Mateo County Fire Warden, will conduct us on a new trip through Butano Forest. This is something special in a rarely visited region.

THE BALANCE OF NATURE??

Charles T. Townsend, the Sierra Club's representative on the State Advisory Committee on Wildlife Administration and Pest Control Relations, has reported on the committee's first meeting, held October 8.

There was considerable discussion of the rodent problem. Dr. Karl F. Meyer of the University of California Hooper Foundation for Medical Research emphasized that plague and typhus are endemic in wild rodents, which transmit the diseases to rats by means of fleas. This probably occurs on the outskirts of cities and towns, where there is a mingling of wild rodents and rats at such places as garbage dumps. Fleas from infected wild rodents have caused some cases of plague in humans, but most cases have come from rat fleas. From the discussion, it seems that the necessity for a campaign against wild rodents is, at least to some extent, a measure of our failure to deal adequately with the rat problem.

Dr. Meyer also said that it will soon be necessary to undertake another campaign against chipmunks and other wild rodents in the Tahoe area. This was neglected during the war, and reports indicate that there were about 100 cases of relapsing fever in the Tahoe area this year.

The problem of birds as carriers of encephalitis will be discussed soon.

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Literary Note: Mark Twain expresses himself on mountaineering in "A Tramp Abroad": "His wounds kept him abed some days. Then he got up and climbed the mountain again. That is the way with a true Alp-climber; the more fun he has, the more he wants."

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For Sale: New army arctic two-in-one down sleeping bags with waterproof cover. Mummy case type both inside and out. Price $34.25 plus sales tax. Rixon & Murray, 18500 Stanton Avenue, Hayward. Phone Lockhaven 82596.

For Sale: 1 pair women's ski boots, size 7½, pre-war; 1 pair ice skates, size 8; 2 pair hiking shoes, sizes 7 and 8; 1 pair navy wool ski pants, size 16 or 18. Dorothy Loiselle, 938 Broadway, SF 11. Phone DOuglas 7000, Extension 59

For Sale: Pitons .75¢; Carabiners $2.75; Feather bag $7.50.
John Montgomery BErkeley 1007J

For Sale: Girls' white figure skates, size 4, good condition--$10.00
Mrs. Reymond, RAndolph 9446.

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NOTES TO LOCAL WALKERS:

Change in bus schedule for the Hare and Hounds Trip, November 24th:
One group will leave on the 8:25 bus to Bootjack with Al Glenn; the second group will leave on the 8:40 bus to Fairfax with Larry Enos. The idea is that you'll meet at the lunch place, but nobody but the "Hare" knows where that is! Come and find out.

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On the December 1 trip to Bolinas Ridge, remember to bring your flashlights. It will be a long trip and a short day, and the lights may come in handy at the end if the weather is at all overcast.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER--NOVEMBER 28
FULL COURSE WITH ALL THE
T R I M M I N G S!
6 PM at the New Tivoli Restaurant
1438 Grant Avenue

Price $2.25 includes tip and tax. The committee are working hard to make this an enjoyable occasion and everything is progressing favorably.

Following the dinner there will be entertainment. Please make reservations with any member of the committee or the club office by Monday, November 25. Make checks payable to Herbert C. Arner.

CYCLE TRIPS SCHEDULED

The November 2 bicycle trip was such a success that an interested group have joined together and arranged the following schedule for every other Saturday. All trips start at 2:30 p.m. and last two or three hours.

Nov. 30 Shinn's Bike Shack,
1214 La Playa, San Francisco
Dec. 14 Hank and Frank Cyclery
E. 14th St. & 1st Ave., Oakland
Dec. 28 Marina Cyclery
3214 Fillmore St., San Francisco

Anyone interested will be welcome. For further information call Herbert Arner--Daytime, SUtter 1500; Evenings, JOrdan 7-2181.



BEAVERS AND PLACE NAMES

A large and enthusiastic crowd turned out to see "Live Beaver Trapping and Transplanting" on Tuesday evening, November 12. W. H. Bostwick, Supervisor, Conservation Education of the Division of Fish and Game, did a splendid job in commenting on the pictures.

As an added attraction, Frank Duveneck, Frances Dieterich, Alice Brooks, and Bert Werder of Loma Prieta Chapter were present and showed pictures of the Butano Forest.

On Tuesday evening, November 26, Thomas P. Brown will speak on "The Why of Western Place Names." Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Brown speak assure us that his talk is one we will not want to miss.

Chairman Cy Washburn again reminds us that we are welcome to come to the programs whether we eat at the Women's City Club or elsewhere. The Club pays for the use of the room where the pictures are shown anyway, regardless of how many have dinner at the cafeteria.

BOTTINI TO MILL VALLEY

A large and enthusiastic group enjoyed the hike up Lagunitas Creek from Bottini to Alpine Dam, thence up Cataract Gulch and then along Matt Davis Trail, finally ending at Mill Valley.

Many factors conspired to make the trip a success: A fine example of Sierra hiking stock, a beautiful clear day with a bit of crispness, varied scenery requiring perhaps special mention of nature's reclothing of the burned area, and finally, the very fact that our trip was long, added zest and vim to our stride. A long 16 miles and a short day made us step lively. With a longer day and possible added vibrations, this trip should prove a still more popular one.

I would gladly head a group two or three times next year to observe further nature's method of recovery in the burned area, to follow different effects as the streams vary in size and force, and follow seasonal changes in flowers and foliage. -- J.C. Williams

